

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) A method of cosmetic care for obtaining a slimming effect on the human body, comprising the application on the part or parts of the body presenting subcutaneous fat of a slimming effective amount of at least one phytosphingosine compound selected from the group consisting of phytosphingosine, its cosmetically acceptable salts and mixtures thereof.

32. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein said method is intended for reducing subcutaneous excess fat.

33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein said active agent is phytosphingosine hydrochloride.

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein the concentration of said active agent is comprised between 0.001% and 1%, by weight with respect to the total weight of said composition.

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein said composition further comprises at least one cosmetically acceptable lipolytic agent.

36-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35, wherein said lipolytic agent is an adenylate cyclase enzyme activating agent.

41. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein said adenylate cyclase enzyme activating agent is selected from the group consisting of forskolin and plant extracts containing the same.

42. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 41, wherein said adenylate cyclase enzyme activating agent is at a concentration of between 0.001% and 1%, by weight with respect to the total weight of said composition.

43. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 41, wherein said adenylate cyclase enzyme activating agent is selected from the group consisting of extracts of *Coleus forskohlii* and *Plectranthus barbatus*.

44. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 40, wherein said adenylate cyclase activating agent is an extract of the plant *Tephrosia purpurea*, at a concentration of between 0.001% and 5% by weight, with respect to the total weight of said composition.

45-66. (Cancelled)

67. (Previously Presented) A cosmetic composition, notably intended for reducing subcutaneous fat, containing, as active agents: phytosphingosine or one of its cosmetically acceptable salts, and at least one lipolytic agent selected from the group consisting of CAMP and its cosmetically acceptable lipolytic derivatives, adenylate cyclase enzyme activating agents and phosphodiesterase enzyme inhibiting agents, in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle.

68. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 67, wherein said cosmetically acceptable salt is phytosphingosine hydrochloride.

69. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 67, containing from 0.001 to 1%, by weight of phytosphingosine or of one of its cosmetically acceptable salts.

70-73. (Cancelled)

74. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 67, wherein said the lipolytic agent is an adenylate cyclase enzyme activating agent.

75. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 74, wherein said adenylate cyclase enzyme activating agent is selected from the group consisting of forskolin and plant extracts containing the same.

76. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 75, wherein said adenylate cyclase enzyme activating agent is at a concentration of between 0.001% and 1%, by weight with respect to the total weight of said composition.

77. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 75, wherein said adenylate cyclase enzyme activating agent is an extract of *Coleus forskohlii* or of *Plectranthus barbatus*.

78. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 74, wherein said adenylate cyclase activating agent is an extract of the plant *Tephrosia purpurea*.

79. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 78, wherein the extract of *Tephrosia purpurea* is at a concentration of between 0.001% and 5% by weight, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

80-83. (Cancelled)

84. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein the phytosphingosine compound is present in the composition in an efficient amount for stimulating the synthesis of leptin by adipocytes.